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AMOUNT ENCLOSED 450.00 **Examiner Name**

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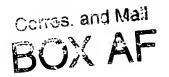
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SUBMITTED BY: STAAS & HACSEY LLP.

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 2167

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Fumirou ABE, et al.

Serial No. 09/998,225

Group Art Unit: 2167

Confirmation No. 6631

Filed: December 3, 2001

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For:

PATTERN RETRIEVING METHOD, PATTERN RETRIEVAL APPARATUS, COMPUTER-READABLE STORAGE MEDIUM STORING PATTERN RETRIEVAL

PROGRAM, PATTERN RETRIEVAL SYSTEM, AND PATTERN RETRIEVAL

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 12, 2005, and having a period for response set to expire on August 12, 2005.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.